

Provo persists in search for a 'novel' idea to fund new library

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PROVO — The saga of the Provo library continued Wednesday at City Council meeting with the same result, or non-result, of previous meetings.

Council members heard three proposals for building a new library, but made no decision, saying they would continue to study the matter. Funding the construction seems a major obstacle.

"One of the problems we are facing in the city is that we have used up every dime in our reserves to work on flood control," said Councilman Martin Merrill.

"We have to do something about our streets and the storm drains to get them back in shape," he said.

The current library is far too small, said Larry Horton, library director. It was built for a community of 17,000; now Provo's population is near 78,000.

The city, the library board, and many residents agree that a larger library is needed.

But there is disagreement as to where a new facility should be located.

years.

The financing of the project is negotiable, said Knell.

"We would finance the project with what we feel is a good deal, but there is always the possibility that Provo City can obtain financing cheaper than we can get," he said.

Knell and associate developer Kent Talbot said they hoped for the city to get the best deal possible.

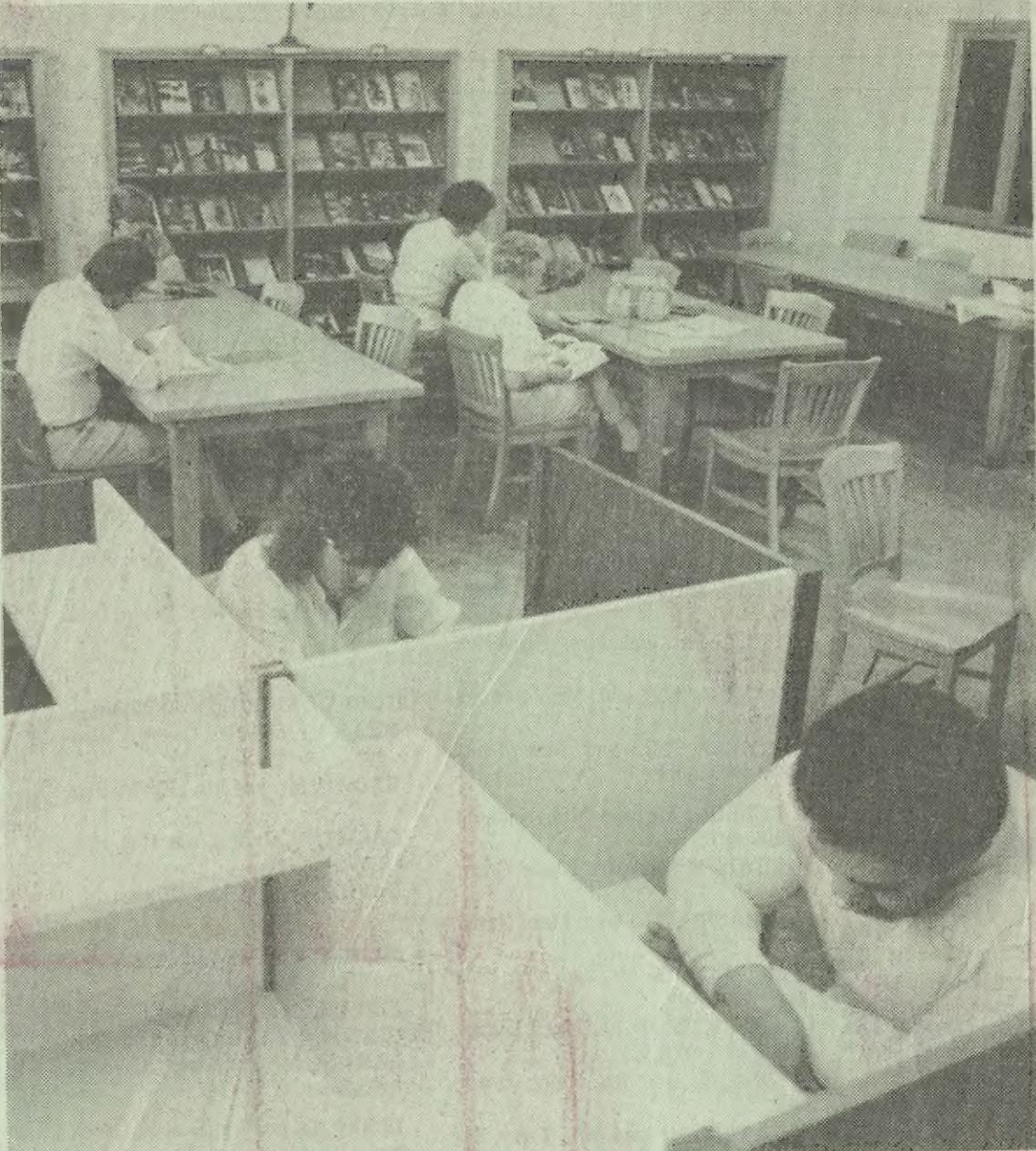
The yearly rent on the proposed library would be about \$240,000. The library would cost about \$8 a square foot to build, Knell said.

Saying they have weighed all proposals, members of the library board said this option would best serve the needs of the people and the library.

"We looked hard at what would be the best facility. When we looked at all the cost and the parking, the new building came out first," said Horton.

But some, city officials and residents alike, want to see a library housed in tandem with a city cultural center.

And many of the groups believe



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"Mayor Jim Ferguson told us that someone promised him a \$1 million donation for the project," he said.

BYU's president Jeff Holland has set up a committee to work on the preservation of the Academy.

"I've spoke with a lot of students and alumni that are offering to do anything to help," he said.

The cost of redeveloping the square into a library would be about the same as a new building. The price per square foot would be about \$7.50.

The third option for the library was proposed by businesswoman Joanne Lossee.

Mrs. Lossee, owner of the Kress building on Center Street in the heart of downtown Provo, said that building would be the best all-around location for a library. She is proposing the city purchase that building from her.

"When we are talking economics and dollars, the Kress building is more affordable than the other options," she said.

The building, at 105 W. Center, has 30,000 square feet, with space avail-

were found dead; cages had not of waste; and the dogs were going

ation has changed, and the pound rating from the Humane Society Sandra Peterson. "For the first humane Society couldn't find any with the kennel."

Administration was also under fire residents for a policy that put a low animal control in favor of attending problems first. The city was chastised by animal control officer and sell control truck. On at least two grey citizens crowded into city hall council meeting and demanded action problem.

"The city announced that it has a time animal control officer. "Don (Don Knox) had applications from but found one resident in town that about. So we appr ed him to a week," said Mayor Peterson.

sets roof pact

AN FORK — The council consid- pment, door-to-door soliciting and r the library at its meeting this

cil awarded Collins Roofing the it a new roof on the library. The nitted a bid of \$12,007. Officials ke three weeks to complete the it is started.

"Ghostbusters," ★★★, rated PG (violence, sex, profanity, vulgarity), 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Huish, 98 W. Utah Ave. 465-2451. "The Jungle Book," ★★★★, rated G, 7:30 and 9:20 p.m.

Nursing Home needs a weekly bowling

Training School needs act as 4-H helpers Saturday. Hours flexible, long- nent desired.

Developmental Care volunteers for one-on- al activities.

School needs volun- e work, accompanist for s, preparing bulletin ping in lunch room.

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Hollow Rest Home in eople to teach pre-read- tients.

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Engiland claims there will be an

lot of support from BYU alumni

and citizens who would like to see

the art library in that building and

the only difference would be the

the square developed.

ready for operation in about one

The proposed library could be

land, spokesman for the group.

Committee members believe the

library would be the foundation for

the cultural center that eventually

would include a museum, a theater

and retail stores.

BYU to provide the much-needed

facilities," he said.

Such a combined center is need-

ed to buy the building within 20

\$15 million project with a lease of

The city would pay rent on the

City Center.

Developer Lee Kneel has pro-

posed a 30,000-square-foot library

and reviewed at the meeting.

Three options were presented

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